

**Emergency Medical Services Authority
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1. Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force (AST/MTF) System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>AST/MTF Leader Trainings continue to be conducted on an ongoing basis. 35 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSUs) are strategically placed with local EMS Agencies and ambulance providers throughout the State. 4 additional units should be distributed by late 2013. This will bring the total number of ASTs with DMSUs to 39 in the State.</p> <p>Procedures for Local Emergency Medical Services Agency's (LEMSAs) to follow when signing off on the Position Task Books (PTBs) for Strike Team Leader Trainees have been developed and were approved by Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of CA (EMSAAC) in September. ASTL Trainees are now required to document training, exercise and events experience on Incident Command System (ICS) form 214 (Individual Event Log). EMSA has begun processing completed PTBs received from LEMSAs.</p> <p>EMSA has secured a vendor to begin producing the "Red Card" for Ambulance Strike Team Leaders (ASTL). It is anticipated that EMSA will begin issuing cards by late spring. Cards will be issued to those submitting a properly completed and reviewed Position Task Book (PTB). Cards will also be issued to persons who previously completed the AST Course in years past.</p> <p>EMSA Publication #215 (Ambulance Strike Team System Manual) is being revised to incorporate updates to the PTB and certification process, as well as incorporate the Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) where appropriate.</p>
2. California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) Program	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	<p>EMSA is reorganizing the CAL-MAT program, including the establishment of two Divisions, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. Eight local units are contemplated, 4 in the north and 4 in the south. This is being done to streamline the administrative requirements of the program and ultimately reduce program costs. The Disaster Healthcare Volunteer (DHV) system will be modified to reflect the 8 local CAL-MAT Units. plans to formalize this structure by late 2013.</p>

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3. CAL-MAT Cache	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	CAL-MAT equipment caches have been re-configured to support smaller medical specialty team deployments. All caches are standardized for rapid response and are in a state of readiness.
4. California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and EMSA has conducted EOM trainings in five of the six regions. Region V will be trained in June 2013.
5. Disaster Interest Group (DIG)	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	The DIG has been suspended due to the re-prioritization of DMS staff projects in consideration of furloughs.
6. Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California (DHV)(California's ESAR-VHP program): Registering, Credentialing & Mobilizing Health Care Personnel	Patrick Lynch, ext. 467	<p>The DHV Program has passed the 19,600 mark in the number of volunteers registered. Over 7,000 of those volunteers are Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members in 40 of the state's 42 MRC Units. All 58 counties have trained System Administrators.</p> <p>System Administrator training and DHV user group conference calls are ongoing.</p> <p>EMSA Response Personnel Unit staff are participating in the Los Angeles County DHV Full Scale Hospital Deployment Exercise in April and the Ventura County Full Scale Austere Care Exercise in May. Staff are also in the planning phase for EMSA's DHV deployment exercise portion of the Golden Guardian 2013 Mobile Medical Assets Full Scale Exercise in August.</p> <p>The DHV website is https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov. The DHV Deployment Operations Manual (DOM) is available on the EMSA webpage http://192.168.100.211:8000/disaster/Health_Care_Volunteers/documents/pdf/DHV_DOMRevisionFebruary21-2012.pdf.</p> <p>The "DHV Journal" is available on the DHV webpage of the EMSA webpage http://www.emsa.ca.gov/disaster/Health_Care_Volunteers/default.asp.</p>

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<p>Golden Guardian 2012</p> <p>Golden Guardian 2013</p> <p>Statewide Medical and Health Exercise 2013</p>	<p>Bill Campbell, ext. 728</p> <p>Nirmala Badhan, ext. 1826</p>	<p>The EMS Authority held a Disaster Medical Response Training and Exercise on June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2012 as part of the statewide Golden Guardian 2012 exercise. The training and exercise was a great success and resulted in important lessons learned. Workshops are being planned for early 2013 to address organizational and logistical corrective actions identified during the full-scale field exercise that will improve this multifaceted medical response in the future. The After-Action Workshops for this exercise will be held on April 23rd, May 7th, and May 8th.</p> <p>EMSA is planning a Disaster Medical Response Training and Exercise for Golden Guardian 2013. This will provide the opportunity to apply the improvements made from the needed corrective actions identified in 2012 and post exercise workshops that will be conducted in 2013.</p> <p>The date for the 2013 Statewide Medical Health Exercise is November 21. The selected scenario is a foodborne illness.</p>
8. Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAvBED)	Dana Ferry, ext. 726	EMSA is currently working with CDPH and other partners to develop the Request for Offer to obtain a commercial-off-the-shelf hospital data collection system that meets federal HavBED requirements.
9. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Revision	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463 hics@emsa.ca.gov	<p>EMSA staff are working with the HICS Center in reviewing drafts of the Incident Planning Guides, (IPGs), the Incident Response Guides, (IRGs), Job Action Sheets, (JASSs), and HICS Forms.</p> <p>A series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available to provide insight into the process and the proposed revisions on the HICS page of EMSA's website http://www.emsa.ca.gov/HICS/Revision_2012.asp</p> <p>The target for release of the HICS materials is Summer 2013.</p>

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10. Medical Sheltering	Dana Ferry, ext. 726	CDPH has received funding for the project of establishing Medical Shelter Guidelines and is the lead agency for this project. Draft medical sheltering guidelines were distributed to stakeholders for public review and comment. Public comment ended on November 9, 2011. Comments provided by our public health and medical stakeholders were reviewed and when appropriate incorporated into the draft document. The final guidelines will be reviewed by the Medical Shelter Workgroup before release and distribution.
11. Mission Support Team (MST)		
System Development	Michael Frenn, ext. 435	The Intermediate MST Curriculum has been developed and the first course conducted. As a result of the recent Disaster Medical Response full scale exercise held at Sacramento State in June, the MST Program and curricula are being revised to reflect the lessons learned from that event. Additional courses (Basic and Intermediate) will be scheduled following program revisions. Inter-Governmental Employee Exchange Agreements are being executed to permit compensation to local government when their employees are utilized by EMSA on an MST.
Response Resources	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	Equipment cache standardization is complete and caches are response-ready. As a result of the recent Disaster Medical Response Training and full-scale exercise held at Sacramento State in June, the MST Program and curricula are being revised to reflect the lessons learned from that event.
12. Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists (RDMHS) Program and Medical Mutual Aid System	Jody Durden, ext. 702	The RDMHS program continues to work with EMSA and CDPH staff in supporting major disaster planning activities in addition to supporting information management processes. The RDMHSs have been integrally involved in many recent incidents including the Brawley earthquake and Northern California fires.

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13. Mobile Field Hospital Program (MFH)	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	Three 200-bed MFHs will be stored in Sacramento, California. Quarterly inspections of the MFH caches are ongoing. A site assessment tool for 50 bed MFH site selection is being implemented statewide. 80 sites are currently identified for full 200 bed MFHs. EMSA continues to try to identify alternatives to sustain this valuable program without stressing the State budget.
14. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	Sheila Martin, ext. 465	40 of the 42 MRCs have trained DHV System Administrators. These MRCs are regular users of the DHV system and active participants in quarterly DHV drills and quarterly DHV user group calls.
15. Statewide Emergency Plan Update	Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463	Cal EMA updated the Statewide Emergency Plan (SEP) and is moving toward implementing Emergency Functions (EFs). EMSA is a lead participant in the development of the Public Health and Medical Emergency Function of the SEP and is supporting the development of six other EFs.
16. Emergency Medical Services Field Treatment Site Guidelines (EMS FTS)	Dana Ferry, ext. 726	Based on comments received, EMSA is holding the EMS FTS Guidelines for further discussion with CDPH regarding coordination of the developing guidance documents for Alternate Care Sites (ACS) and Medical Shelters.
17. Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan	Jody Durden, ext. 702	EMSA is currently participating in the validation of the Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan.

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18. Patient Movement	Craig Johnson, ext. 4171	EMSA continues to work on the draft Statewide Patient Movement Plan. EMSA also participates with the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) on the Medical Surge Planning Project, which includes patient tracking. The project will evaluate patient tracking within the 12 County Bay Area UASI Regions and conduct a feasibility study using the Joint Patient Assessment & Tracking System (JPATS) in California. Findings from the feasibility study will be used to assist the State with further development of the Statewide Patient Movement Plan and interoperability of patient tracking systems.
19. Cascadia Subduction Zone Catastrophic Tsunami/Earthquake Plan	Lee Sapaden, ext. 1766	EMSA has been designated as the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) co-lead in conjunction with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Region IX in developing this plan. Draft Courses of Action have been developed and will be presented to Federal and State senior leaders for review and approval. Based on input from the senior leaders, final Courses of Action will be developed. A Region IX and X meeting was held on January 31 and February 1, along with DHHS and the States of Oregon and Washington to discuss this plan. A Resource Allocation Workshop (RAW) is scheduled from May 28 th to May 30 th in Bothell, Washington to establish priorities between FEMA Regions IX and X.